

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to recognize H.G. Kirby on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, H.G. Kirby is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a member of the Sumner County Election Commission since January of 1985; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure with the Sumner County Election Commission, Mr. Kirby has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on January 10, 1923, in Dekalb, Tennessee, H.G. Kirby has lived in Westmoreland since the age of five; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirby is an active and important part of the Westmoreland community, having held every civic position in the City, including City Recorder, Councilman, and Mayor; he was instrumental in obtaining a public water system for the City; and

WHEREAS, he has served on the Sumner County Health and Safety Board since January of 2004; and

WHEREAS, a 32nd degree Mason, he has been a loyal member of the Al Menah Shrine Temple for more than fifty years; he also lends his time and talents as Captain of the Sumner County Clowns and Greeters; and

WHEREAS, at seventeen years old, he enlisted in the United States Army and bravely served his country during World War II and served in England, France, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, he served in the Civil Air Patrol and has remained an avid flyer since he was seventeen years of age; he has held a private pilot's license for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding basketball player, Mr. Kirby received an athletic scholarship after World War II; and

WHEREAS, he owned and operated the first Western Auto Store in Westmoreland from 1955 to 1960; in 1961, he moved to Florida and operated Western Auto Stores in West Palm Beach and Miami and was eventually promoted to New Store and Retail Sales Manager for the Southeast and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, he returned to Nashville as the area's New Store and Retail Sales Manager until his retirement from Western Auto in 1973; he proceeded to serve in management for the Service Star Corporation until his retirement from that company in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirby has been the co-owner of Kirby Auto Supply in Westmoreland since 1973; and

WHEREAS, H.G. Kirby is an active and devout member of the Westmoreland United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, H.G. Kirby is fortunate to have shared both love and companionship with his wife of fifty-five years, Marian "Doug" Brown Kirby, until her passing in October of 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirby is the proud father of two sons, Jerry N. Kirby and Dale S. Kirby, four grandchildren, Marisa, Scott, Paige, and Josh; and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, H.G. Kirby exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mr. H.G. Kirby our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from the Sumner County Election Commission, recognize his exemplary service to

the good people of Westmoreland and this State, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.